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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 13, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Claims:

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7. (Once Amended) The apparatus for recycling slurry of claim 5, wherein the clean slurry storage tank and the dirty slurry storage tank are portions of a single vessel separated by a partition having a top edge, wherein the top edge of the partition acts as the overflow relief conduit.

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10. (Once Amended) The apparatus for recycling slurry of claim 1, further comprising at least one device selected from a group consisting of pH adjusters, slurry concentration adjusters, deionization units, and combinations thereof.

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15. (Once Amended) The apparatus for recycling slurry of claim 9, further comprising an additional filter having an inlet and outlet and valves at the inlet and outlet of the additional filter, wherein said additional filter resides in parallel to said second filter, and wherein said additional filter also removes particulates of a second predetermined size.